

Diocesan Commission for Liturgy, Vasai

(Prayer service for those who cannot attend Eucharist due to Corona Virus threat)

The Angelus

The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary

And she conceived by the Holy Spirit

Hail Mary

Behold the handmaid of the Lord

Be it done unto me according to your word

Hail Mary

And the Word was made Flesh

And dwelt among us

Hail Mary

Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God

That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ

Let us pray: Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts; that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ, your Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection, through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Hymn: Yes, I Shall Arise (469)

Head of the family: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

All : Amen

Penitential Act

Head : My dear family members, let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves for this prayer service:

All: I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do. (And, striking their breast, they say) through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Head: May Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

All : Amen.

Head : Lord, have mercy

All : Lord, have mercy

Head : Christ, have mercy

All : Christ, have mercy

Head : Lord, have mercy

All : Lord, have mercy

Let us pray : O God, who through your Word, reconcile the human race to yourself in a wonderful way, grant we pray, that with prompt devotion and eager faith the Christian people may hasten toward the solemn celebration to come. Through Our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: 1 Samuel 16: 1,6-7,10-13

Reader; A Reading from the first book of Samuel

Reader; The Word of the Lord

All : Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm : Psalm 23

Response : The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Second Reading : Ephesians 5 : 8 – 14

Reader : A reading from the letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians

Reader; The Word of the Lord

All : Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation John 8: 12

Glory and praise to you, O Christ. (2)

I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of the life.

Glory and praise to you, O Christ

Gospel : John 9 : 1 – 41

Reader : A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

All : Glory to you, O Lord.

Reader : The Gospel of the Lord

All : Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Reflection: The Pharisees of today's Gospel couldn't see the divine power at work in the person of Jesus who gave sight to the man born blind. There is a dynamic at work in the episode; metaphorically, the blind man increases in sight, while the Pharisees grow blinder. While they say of Jesus 'this man is not from God', the blind man declares: 'if this man were not from God, he could do nothing'. By means of this miracle Jesus draws a distinction between those who know they are blind and those who say that they can see. The story ends with Jesus saying that there is no excuse for the blindness of the religious leaders. It's not so much that they can't see, it's rather their unwillingness to see. The Pharisees were blind when it came to understanding Jesus. They couldn't see that Jesus was the Messiah and yet, the blind man saw him as the Son of God. The Lord discloses many things about himself every day to those who are open to his teaching.

The Creed:

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers of the Faithful

Head: The story of the blind man shows that even blind beggar can possess great knowledge about his religious belief. The man in question is Jewish and being blind he has turned a beggar but his insights about God are far greater than that of his contemporaries who have eyes but do not see. Let us now place our petitions before the Lord saying,

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

1. For the Pope Francis, the bishops, the clergy and the religious that through the ministry of the Word and Sacraments they may lead the people to the light of Christ for this we pray to the Lord.

2 For people who are responsible for the governance of a country that they may take decisions with great prudence for this we pray to the Lord.

3. Lord grant wisdom to the faithful to follow the guidelines of the medical fraternity on matters to safeguard their health for this we pray to the Lord.

4. we pray that all those who are tirelessly serving the infected may be blessed with good health of mind, body and spirit for this we pray to the Lord.

5. We pray for that Lord may stretch forth his hand and let his healing grace flow on those who have tested positive so that they may be cured for this we pray to the Lord.

6. We pray for those infected that they may be imbued with courage to endure their illness fully aware of the Divine presence among them for this we pray to the Lord.

Let us pause for a while and pray for our personal intentions

Head: God, our Father, we thank you for the gift of your Son Jesus Christ who gave sight to the blind man. The healed man became a champion of his faith and was able to expose the faulty mind set of people who had eyes but could not see. Give us the grace that we may shed our spiritual blindness and come to the light of Christ, we make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen

The Lord's Prayer

Head: At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

All : Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

Head : Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

All: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever.

Head : Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles; peace I leave to you, my peace I give you, look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will, who live and reign forever and ever.

All : Amen.

Head : The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

The concluding rites

Head: Look upon those who call to you, O Lord, and sustain the weak; give life by your unfailing light to those who walk in the shadow of death, and bring those rescued by your mercy from every evil to reach the highest good. Through Christ Our Lord.

All : Amen

Head : May almighty God bless us, keep us from all evil and bring us to everlasting life.

All : Amen

Head : Let us go in the peace of the Lord,

All : Amen

Hymn: From the depths (128)

Prayer for those infected by the Corona Virus

(To be said before the recessional hymn)

Almighty and ever merciful God,
You show your love to the entire universe.

Hear our prayers as we lift up
all the people infected by Corona virus
in different parts of the world.

We beg you to touch the victims and
their families with your healing touch.

We thank you for the persistent efforts
put in by the doctors to research
an effective solution to this virus.
May you bring success to their
tireless efforts in this field

We pray for the people working
through the governmental and health
organizations that they may be guided by you to
take appropriate measures to overcome this difficult situation
and work towards the safety of the people.

We make this prayer through Christ, our Lord. Amen.